

31 July 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Preparations for 1 August Presidential Briefing

1. Attached are packages on a number of subjects. My major concern is that there are too many topics in this group for you to cover them adequately. Accordingly I have made comments below to assist your thinking about which ones to drop or defer. You also noted that you wanted to cover [ ] and "Bucharest" tomorrow. I have no materials for these two topics.

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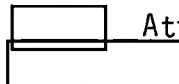
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Attached is material on Soviet reactions to

B. Lebanon. This material has been modified to incorporate SNIE material.

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C. Soviet Missile Development. Attached are two sets of talking points. One is a condensation of [ ] paper. The other is my recommendation of how the brief should be structured. My case, is, "Although the Soviets may balk at various SALT limitations we can't say this is because they have a 'full employment program' for their R&D establishment. We can say that their 'full employment program' coupled with their ability to shift programs to imply that if SALT limits one kind of missile system another will pop up."

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D. Cuban Manpower. This includes a slight condensation of [ ] briefing and [ ] talking points. This topic does not deserve the attention which use of [ ] condensed paper would imply and perhaps not even as much as [ ] talking points would imply. The message really need be no more than, "Don't depend on Fidel Castro running out of bodies to support his African adventures. He has a clear surplus in the future."

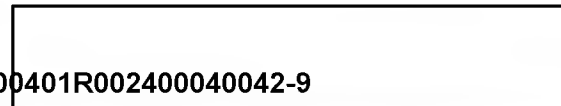
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E. [ ] This package contains a D/DCI/RM summary of the impact of Congressional actions.

F. Soviet/Cuban Options in Rhodesia. The talking points have been revised to reflect the pre-brief discussions. I recommend that you either:

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- (1) Concentrate on the military aspects, or
- (2) Have us rework the political aspects of this topic because even though it probably reaches the right conclusions, the political analysis that supports this briefing is poorly done.

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G.  This includes revised talking points.

2. Also attached are some answers to questions arising from last week's briefing. The answers are summarized below.

- A. Microelectronics. Soviets are selling computers in the West, but won't do too well unless they use some "come on."
- B. US-Vietnam-PRC Relations. The PRC-Vietnam Relations briefing said the Chinese would be miffed if the US established diplomatic relations with Vietnam before normalizing its relations with the PRC. Included is material from the NIO/China stating that the Chinese would not take establishment of US-Vietnam diplomatic relations amiss.

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Attachments

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